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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING PRECISE

CONTROL OF MAGNETIC COUPLING FIELD IN NiMn TOP SPIN

VALVE HEADS AND AMPLITUDE ENHANCEMENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examinatin in this Request for Continued Examination, and in reply to the Office Action of June 28, 2005, the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.